



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

URBAN FORESTRY Board

Recommendation #: 20141119-G03 – CodeNext

WHEREAS, environmental protection and access to nature are critical to the community of Austin, Texas;
and

WHEREAS, there are Imagine Austin policies encouraging green infrastructure elements including urban forests, rain gardens, green street, etc.; and

WHEREAS, environmental concerns for the future of Austin include drought, pollution and air quality, urban heat island, flooding, and climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE,

The Urban Forestry Board recommends that the City of Austin adopt an ecological systems-based approach to CodeNext to develop a code that requires and incentivizes the integration of green infrastructure into the environments the new code will seek to encourage.

AND, that the City of Austin ensure the CodeNext contractor's scope and team includes a solid emphasis on green infrastructure protection and sustainability.

Date of Approval: November 19, 2014

Record of the vote: **For:** (6) Board members Kite, Maceo, Brewer, Brown, Fleming, Newsom

Against: (0)

Absent: (1) Board member Classen

Attest: _____

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